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SUBJECT: MOCHTAR COMMENTS ON INDONESIAN ATTENDANCE AT HAVANA SUMMIT; VIETNAMESE VISIT

1. AFTER CONFERRING WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO AUGUST 5, FOREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA TOLD REPORTERS THAT INDONESIA WOULD SEND A DELEGATION TO THE NAM SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN HAVANA IN 1979 LED BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. THE PRESIDENT HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO ATTEND, MOCHTAR SAID, BUT "AFTER WHAT HAPPENED IN BELGRADE WE ARE RECONSIDERING THE WHOLE PROBLEM". THE DELEGATION MAY BE LED BY ANYONE FROM THE RANK OF HEAD OF A DIRECTORATE UP TO THE MINISTER HIMSELF, HE ADDED.

2. MOCHTAR SAID HE HAD ALSO DISCUSSED WITH THE RESIDENT THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF VIETNAMESE PRIME MINISTER PHAM VAN DONG TO INDONESIA ORGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR EARLY SEPTEMBER. THE VISIT MUST BE RESCHEDULED, HE NOTED, DOE TO THE LEBARAN HOLIDAYS FALLING ON SEPTEMBER 4-5 AND THE NEED TO ACCOMO-
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DATE PHAM VAN DONG'S PROGRAMMED TOUR TO OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THEPRESIDENT PROBABLY NEVER SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED GOING PERSONALLY TO HAVANA, MOCHTAR'S COMMENTS UNDERSCORE INDONESIA'S CONCERN OVER THE CURRENT CUBAN CAMPAIGN TO MOVE THE NAM CLOSER TO THE SOVIET BLOC. BASED ON

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CONVERSATIONS WITH FONDEPT OFFICIALS, WE BELIEVE THE GOI WILL SEEK TO MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE ROLE AMONG NAM MODERATES AND WILL SEND MOCHTAR TO HAVANA NEXT YEAR. MOCHTAR'S REFERENCE TO PHAM VAN DONG WAS THE FIRST PUBLIC MENTION OF HIS INTENDED VISIT TO INDONESIA. DEPUTY FONMIN PHAN HIEN DID NOT INCLUDE JAKARTA AMONG THE STOPS ON HIS SWING THROUGH THE REGION RECENTLY, ALTHOUGH FONMIN NGUYEN DUY TRINH WAS HERE FOR THREE DAYS LAST DECEMBER. IN THIS INSTANCE THE INITIATIVE APPEARS TO LIE ENTIRELY WITH HANOI.
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